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**ERIKA ANSCHUTZ CONTINUES HER REIN
AS THE TOP YOUNG FEMALE ARCHER IN THE U.S.**

Fifteen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska continues her rein as the top ranked young female archer in the U.S. by setting six new national record scores, including one world record, while winning three national championship titles in indoor archery competition this past month. She has now compiled an amazing resume of 96 national records, including seven world records, in route to winning 28 national championships and three world titles after being involved in the sport of archery for only eight years.

While competing in the Female Junior Compound Bow division (ages 18 and under) at the National Archery Association's (NAA) Indoor National Championship tournament held in Wichita, Kansas during March 12-14, Erika established five new national records (one of which was also a world record) for her age group and gender in route to garnering two of her national titles. The first of these two titles was secured on day one of the tournament during the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program competition in which she posted an impressive score of 586 out of 600 total possible points, besting her own world record by 3 points which was set one year ago at this same tournament. Her new world record also bested three national records, two of which were tournament records for different age groups. During the following two days of the NAA championship tournament, Erika shot back-to-back scores of 580 points for a total of 1,160 out of 1,200 possible points to win her second national title within a span of three days. Her score of 1,160 points was also good for two more national records, one of which was a tournament record.

The multi-colored target face that is used in both NAA and international indoor archery competitions has a dime-sized 10-ring (or bulls-eye) that measures a mere 2 centimeters in diameter (2.54 centimeters are equal to 1-inch). During each round of competition, an archer will shoot a total of 60 arrows at a target in 20 ends of three arrows each from a distance of 18 meters (or about 19 yards and 2 feet). Only 2 minutes are allowed for an archer to shoot each end of three arrows.

After Wichita, Erika concluded the indoor archery tournament season by traveling to Louisville, Kentucky where she competed in and won the Young Adult Female Freestyle division (ages 15-17) at the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Indoor National Championship tournament held during March 20-21. Her first and second day scores of 300-57x and 300-59x resulted in a new NFAA national indoor tournament record score of 600-116x for her division. Erika's one and two-day aggregate scores were out 300-60x and 600-120x total possible points, respectively. The previous record score of 600-110x had stood since 1995. In addition, her new record score of 600-116x was the highest score shot by any female competitor (adults included) at this year's tournament which was attended by over 1,400 archers from across the nation.. What makes Erika's score even more impressive, is that it was the second highest score shot by any female archer in the 25-year history of the NFAA's Indoor National Championship tournament. The national tournament record of 600-117X is jointly held by three professional women archers.

During each round of NFAA indoor competition, an archer will shoot a total of 60 arrows at a target in 12 ends of five arrows each from a distance of 20 yards. An archer is allowed a time limit of 4 minutes to shoot each end of five arrows. The 5-point bulls-eye on the NFAA-sanctioned indoor target face measures 8 centimeters in diameter and includes an inner X-ring that is only 4 centimeters across.

Erika is a freshman at Grand Island Senior High School. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, and Jurita runs a home-based health and wellness business.